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Meeting Notes

Meeting # 129

November 12, 2013

UW Tower

4333 Brooklyn Avenue

Seattle, WA 98105

22nd Floor

Members and Alternates Present

Matt Fox

Kent Willis

Kerry Kahl

Ray Larson

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Brett Forsaker

Eric Larson

Jan Arntz

Chris Leman

Staff and Others Present

Steve Sheppard

Kristine Kenney

Eric Smith

Dave Anderson

Theresa Doherty

(See sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome and Introductions The meeting was opened by Matt Fox. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping

There was no quorum to adopt the previous minutes for meeting #128 and adoption was deferred.

III. Presentation on UW Landscape Design Framework – Kristine Kenney

Kristine Kenney with the University of Washington was introduced to give a presentation on the UW Landscape and Design Framework. Ms. Kenney informed the Committee that she is the project manager, Rebecca Barnes, is the project advisor, the consultants for these projects are: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates out of Cambridge and New York.

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The Landscape Framework is a project that looks at all of the 643 acres that the University owns. The initial goals of this project are to: 1) enhance the ongoing stewardship of the campus landscape, 2) sustain the legacy of good stewardship of the University; 3), create a common vision and reinforce the character and identity of the University; 4), reinforce and communicate the layers of the campus development history, and 5) maintain a vibrant and safety healthy learning environment to support the changing and diverse environments. The University is looking to understanding the past and present to sustain and form the future environment of the campus and understanding that there are an economic and social considerations that the University needs to consider.

The project is currently in Phase 1 that began of August of this year. The next phase will be looking at the primary plan components. The University will be looking at the landscape character and typologies, its history, and various connections and mobility for all modes of travel and the landscape ecology. Phase 3 will be the secondary primary plan components in which the University will be looking at the relationship of architecture and landscape, and the social landscape. The final phase will be looking at the implementation stage. Ms. Kenney mentioned all of this information are available online at the Office University Architecture website.

Ms. Kenney informed the Committee that a survey was sent to the campus community to get feedback on how they use the campus landscape so the consultants can determine where the community use most of their time in the campus and their favorite landscapes. There were 2,000 responses received and there were 37,000 icons that was placed on the map. The University is currently assessing the data received from the survey.

Ms. Kenney mentioned the other project (Signage); the goal of this project is to create a simplest of means not to proliferate the signage across the campus, but strategically put them across campus where it is needed. There are four phases of this project, and currently we are in Phase 2.

IV. Presentation on Animal Care and Research Facility – Eric Smith and Dave Anderson

Eric Smith and Dave Anderson provided a presentation and timeline on the Animal Care and Research Facility. Currently the University is in early in the planning process for this particular building. The Board of Regents has not yet approved a budget. The project team is hopeful that a budget will be established shortly so that the project can move forward to a fuller review both by the community and various University groups. The need for this research facility stems from two main areas: Changes must be made to maintain the University's accreditation in this area. This facility is crucial to continued research at the University of Washington. The existing facility is substandard and needs to be replaced. During this replacement the University is committed the highest standards for both research and animal treatment, In order to move forward the provost decided to create a strategic plan, Various alternatives were evaluated including disbursed facilities and a centralized facility. After some discussion the recommendation was to create a centralized the facility for effective management of the research. The Reagents will be reviewing the budget as we go forward with the new facility. The in-depth facility design will go through 2015.

Through the planning process, an in-depth discussion was started to find the location of this building facility. The University has selected a site at the Portage Bay Vista . The site was chosen in large part because of its location close to the University Hospital. To be most useful the facility should be as close as feasible to the research community, the people who use it need to get there and back to their lab in very short order.

The facility will be almost completely underground and will not affect the Portage Bay Vista open area. It does not impact the commitment the University to maintain the vista site, As part of the project the landscaping of the Vista will be improved to make it more usable for those using it from the surrounding building. The security of this site is excellent due to its location underground. There will also be adequate ventilation for this site. The facility will provide maximum flexibility. The facility will house different types of species of animals.

A few very preliminary drawings were displayed and a commitment was made to present the project once it was more fully developed.

V. New Business

There were no new business items introduced.

VI. Adjournment

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.